

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for producing an intermediate product made of a fiber-reinforced composite composed of a reinforcing fiber impregnated with a thermosetting resin ~~or a thermoplastic resin~~, comprising: (a) a first-step where a plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are laminated to each other, heated under a pressure by a hot press roll, and cooled under a pressure by a cold press roll to provide automatically a flat board-shaped laminate; (b) a second step where said flat-board-shaped laminate is cut into a board; and (c) a third step where said board is softened by heating, placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling under a pressure, wherein in said first step (a) said plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are heated at a temperature of 20-100°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm², and cooled at a temperature of 10-30°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm²; and in said third step (c) said board is softened by heating at a temperature of 60-100°C for 10-90 minutes placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling at a temperature of 0-50°C under a pressure of 0.1-10 kg/cm², **and wherein said intermediate product is a semi-hardened product having a hardening degree of 1 to 80%, said fiber-reinforced composite being composed of a reinforcing fiber impregnated with a thermosetting resin.**

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): ~~The A~~ method for producing an intermediate product ~~according to claim 1~~ made of a fiber-reinforced composite composed of a reinforcing fiber impregnated with a thermosetting resin, comprising:

a) a first step where a plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are laminated to each other, heated under a pressure by a hot press roll, and cooled under a pressure by a cold press roll to provide automatically a flat board-shaped laminate; (b) a second step where said flat board-shaped laminate is cut into a board; and (c) a third step where said board is softened by heating, placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling under a pressure, wherein in said first step (a) said plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are heated at a temperature of 20-100°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm² and cooled at a temperature of 10-30°C; and in said third step (c) said board is softened by heating at a temperature of 60-100°C for 10-90 minutes placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling at a temperature of 0-50°C under a pressure of 0.1-10 kg/cm², wherein said intermediate product is a T-shaped intermediate product composed of L-shaped board laminates and ~~each~~-said flat board-shaped laminate, said L-shaped board laminates and said flat board-shaped laminate comprises being derived from only one ~~flat-shaped board~~flat board-shaped laminate by cutting into a plurality of boards, and wherein said intermediate product is a semi-hardened product having a hardening degree of 1 to 50%.

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): ~~The A~~ method according to claim ~~3~~ 5, for producing an intermediate product made of a fiber-reinforced composite composed of a reinforcing fiber impregnated with a thermosetting resin comprising:

(a) a first step where a plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are laminated to each other, heated under a pressure by a hot press roll, and cooled under a pressure by a cold press roll to provide automatically a flat board-shaped laminate; (b) a second step where said flat board-shaped laminate is cut into a board; and (c) a third step where said board is softened by heating, placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling under a pressure, wherein in said first step (a) said plurality of sheets made of said fiber-reinforced composite are heated at a temperature of 20-100°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm², and cooled at a temperature of 10-30°C under 0.1 to 10 kg/cm²; and in said third step (c) said board is softened by heating at a temperature of 60-100°C for 10-90 minutes placed on a forming tool, and formed by cooling at a temperature of 0-50°C under a pressure of 0.1-10 kg/cm², wherein said intermediate product is a T-shaped intermediate product composed of L-shaped board laminates and said flat board-shaped laminate, said L-shaped board laminates and said flat board-shaped laminate being derived from only one flat board-shaped laminate by cutting into a plurality of boards, wherein said intermediate product is

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a semi-hardened product having a hardening degree of 1 to 50%, and wherein said intermediate product is a semi-hardened product having a hardening degree of 5 to 20%.